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Bee a Hero

By Heather Sensabaugh

Bees are the most important pollinators in the world, and are

responsible for one in three bites of food we eat on any given day, as well as COFFEE! Bees pollinate 71 of the 100 crops that provide 90 percent of the world's food. They pollinate fruits and vegetables as well as plants and grasses like alfalfa, which feeds beef and dairy cows. Bee populations have experienced a sharp decline since the 1950s – close to 60%, due to habitat loss (particularly a loss of flowering meadows and fields as a result of urban development), climate change, disease, parasites and pesticide poisoning (especially from RoundUp). We can help the bees rebound though! There are 20,000 bee species in the world and one in four is at risk of extinction. Ohio native bees include Squash bees, Leafcutter bees, Orchard/Mason bees (all of which look like honeybees) Bumblebees and Carpenter bees, among others. The fuzziness of these bees helps them to collect and distribute

pollen well. Masked bees (who look like wasps) are also native pollinators – and instead of fuzziness, they actually have a special compartment where they store and distribute pollen!

How can we save the bees? We can leave the dandelions in our yards alone, as dandelions are pollen-rich, and feed many bee species well into the late summer. Leave the clover too, as that's an Ohio bee's second favorite food. We can provide water for bees to drink, in a shallow dish, with sticks and stones in it for them to rest on while they drink. Leave last year's stems and stalks until May, because Queen bees may be hibernating in them. Bees also like brush piles and stacked firewood as well as fallen logs. Leave upturned pots or create underground cavities in your garden to attract bumblebee queens.

We can also plant native plants to save Ohio bees. Native bees evolved

alongside native plants and therefore saving native bees means effectively saving native plants and native ecosystems. We need to plant native Ohio wildflowers and bee gardens to save the bees. A bee garden is a 3' x 6' plot that gets over 6 hours of sun, but even a balcony planter or a pot on a porch can help! Ohio bees love Aster, Black-eyed Susan, Coneflowers, Cosmos, Peonies, Pansies, Milkweed, Snapdragons, Zinnias, Lavender, Poppies, Marigold, and Sunflowers. Bee a hero this Spring and help save the world by saving the bees!



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Our theme will be *Happy Mother's Day*

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Community Events

Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. *See pg. 2 & 5*

Lakeview Local School activities and sports schedules visit www.lakeviewlocal.org.
American Red Cross blood donations, various dates. www.redcrossblood.org or 1-800-733-2767.

Cortland Senior Center - Open Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cortland Christian Church.

Cortland Library Events, various dates. *See pg. 18*

Youngstown Nighthawks Soccer League, Cortland League Schedule-
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Charity Benefit Pancake Breakfast, [1st Saturday] 9 a.m.-noon, Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main Street). *See pg. 6*

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- 15 Cortland Mower ECHO Days are back on April 15 / 9 am - 2 pm
- 15 Free Community Health & Wellness Fair / Eastwood Mall
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- 19 Trumbull Town Hall 45th Celebrity Series / Jean Kilbourne / *See page 18*
- 19 Trumbull County Master Gardener / Vegetable Gardening
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Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

Cortland Mower tells us that ECHO Days are back on April 15 from 9-2. Save 15% on a wide variety of ECHO products.

Watching the Guardians game? Be sure to call Auntie V's Pizza first great food to eat while watching the game.

Black Cat Tax says that they can get you an extension for your taxes so hurry on in and let the pros do the work for you. They are there all year long and deal with personal as well as business taxes.

Brookside Greenhouse, one of the area's largest growers opens April 10. They grow everything they sell AND the pansy baskets are ready! Largest selection of baskets at the best prices you will find anywhere.

As of this writing, Cortland Playroom still has some openings for the Summer and Fall programs. But you better hurry - they always fill up.

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Neo Junk Removal and the Cortland Lions Club will again be collecting metal scrap at Willow Park on Friday April 21st and 22nd from 9am-5pm. Your scrap metal donation will benefit Cortland Parks & Recreations- Safety City Project. Area residents are asked to drop their metal scrap off at Willow Park these days and Cortland Lions Club Members will be there to help you unload.

NEO Junk will also be picking up metal scrap in the Cortland-Bazetta-Fowler and Mecca area. Please call 330-219-4879 to be put on a list to have your metal scrap picked up by NEO Junk. NEO Junk will not enter your home or basement to remove scrap but will remove metal scrap from your garage or outbuilding. We do not accept computers, monitors, printers, TV's or empty propane tanks.

The Safety City Project's goal is to raise \$52,000 and any metal scrap will benefit this project. Thank you-area residents for your continued support of this worthwhile Project, which will benefit area children.

**Save The Date
 3rd Annual Citywide Garage Sale**

Be sure to save the date -June 8, 9, 10 & 11 - for the 3rd annual Citywide Garage Sale. More information will be coming out soon. Watch The Cortland News for more information. Also Like us on FB - 44410 Annual Garage Sale.

City Of Cortland Curbside Brush Pickup Policy - 2023

The City of Cortland Service Department will conduct branch and limb pick up service along city streets starting in April and continuing through October. Pick-up for the entire city is the week of the **4th Monday of each month**. There will be one pick-up per month per household. The service day may vary during the collection week due to weather and workload. As noted below, branches should be placed at the curb no later than the Sunday prior to collection week to ensure removal. **One pass will be made on each street.**

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Branches and limbs need to be placed at the curb no later than the Sunday before the scheduled collection week.

- One pass will be made on each street.

- Only branches and limbs will be picked up (trimmed/pruned and root-free).

- Branches and limbs must be no longer than 6' in length and can be up to 4" in diameter.

- The city will pick up a single brush pile no larger than 6' x 8' per household.

- Do not combine piles with your neighbors.

- Branches and limbs must be stacked in a straight pile with cut ends facing the street.

- No firewood, large logs or complete trees will be picked up.

- If you have any questions, please call the Administration Building at (330) 637-3011.

2023 Brush Chipping Schedule

- Week of April 24th
- Week of May 22nd
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- Week of July 24th
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- Week of September 25th
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THANK YOU! I would like to personally thank Pastor Casey Chapman and the members of the **Cortland Christian Church** for so quickly and completely supporting the residents of our community during the recent extended power outage. Pastor Chapman committed to serving as a warming center within minutes of my phone call! Then when a member of the City team came to drop off supplies, not only was she greeted warmly, the supplies were carried in for her. AND, Pastor Chapman had already organized many donations from his generous members. I cannot tell you how extremely grateful I am to have Pastor Chapman and the Cortland Christian Church to turn to in a time of emergency.

With sincere gratitude, Mayor Dee Dee Petrosky

PLEASE BE CAREFUL - As the weather warms and more students begin walking to and from school, here is an important reminder to drivers in our community: **The driver of a vehicle shall/must yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing within a crosswalk. (ORC 4511.46)**

Portable Generators - they are very useful during storms but could also cause injuries or even death if not used properly. FEMA has a few tips for you to follow:

- Use these generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from all doors, windows, and vents.
- Make sure that you have carbon monoxide alarms in your home.
- Do not use a generator in a wet area. This can cause shock or electrocution.

- Connect appliances to the generator with heavy-duty extension cords.

- Do not fuel the generator while it is running. Spilling gas on a hot engine can cause a fire.

For more information and free resources, visit www.usfa.fema.gov.

Scrap Tire Collection - Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District has funded the city to implement a Scrap Tire Program again this year. Beginning April 3rd through April 28th, tires can be dropped off at the Willow Park Service Department Garage Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

E-Waste Recycling - If you are spring cleaning and find electronics that you no longer need, don't throw them away, recycle! This event will be at Willow Park on Saturday, April 15th from 10 a.m. to noon. Laptops, phones, cameras, keyboards, etc. can be dropped off for free as well as some TVs and printers for a fee.

Metal Scrap Drive - Do you have scrap metal that you would like to be rid of? NEO Junk Removal and the Cortland Lions Club will be having a city-wide metal scrap drive to benefit the Cortland Safety City Project. Metal Scrap will be collected at Willow Park on Friday, April 21st and Saturday, April 22nd between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Spring Clean up - April 27th & 28th - picked up on your regular trash day.

The Cortland Scope Senior Center - It is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cortland Christian Church -153 Grove.

Girls Music 101 Special Events For Spring And Summer

Girls Music 101 has Spring Lessons begin in April (all instruments, ages and levels) and can reserve a lesson time now.

For Summer they are doing a "Build Your Own Ukulele" Paint and Play Event. Every Monday and Thursday during the month of June, 2 classes per day available 12:30 to 2:30 pm, or 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

Enrollment in this event is limited so please call to sign-up soon. The cost is \$149.50 per participant (discounts available for multiples) and the Ukulele and Tote are included. The event takes place at Girt's Cortland Music 101. Check out their website for more information. Music101Ohio.com



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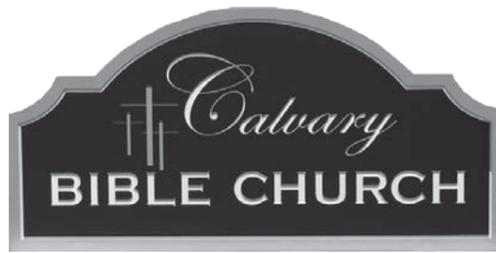
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Spring has sprung. As of March 20th. We are officially celebrating spring. You know what that means? We could stock fish in our front yard. If you live in N.E. Ohio, you can relate. Last year at this time we had some beautiful mallard ducks in our yard, they thought they were on Mosquito Lake.

It also means if you are a gardener or have an interest in new life it's a good time to be alive. My wife Gloria has already been outside keeping an eye on all the things that happen in Spring. Flowers are on their way up. Soon we will be mowing our lawns (oh joy) and some of us will be riding a Harley Davidson. Now that truly is something that will bring joy. I even put a new set of pipes on so people will hear me coming. Yes, it's spring so many things are happening. Please watch out for motorcycles & bicycles.

Some more serious gardeners are thinking about their ground and the condition of their dirt. Before planting begins, one must prepare the soil. Usually this involves making sure the

land is smooth and easy to work with, collecting samples in order to test the soil's pH and nutrient levels, and tilling the land.

A serious gardener will put a great amount of effort into preparing the ground. It will take time. The result will be a big payoff. So, they will reap the harvest they have hoped for. Which reminds me of Mark 4:26-29 where Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

In first reading this passage it all sounds so simple. It's as if the man reaches in his seed bag throws the seeds on the ground and a few weeks later takes sickle in hand and collects what has grown. But we know that the man has done some work ahead of time so the ground would be ready to accept the seed. Happy planting, Happy Spring.

Home and Garden: what an appropriate theme! Spring is budding, though recent signs suggest it is coming forth more in the manner I often awaken each morning: sluggishly! I appreciate Heather Sensibaugh's reference last issue to the New England term 'mud season' for this time of year. In spite of all this and the recent severe storm uprooting numerous trees and imposing eerie widespread darkness over our landscape, this remains the time for planting-new and re-newing garden areas. It's also the traditional season for cleaning and refreshing our home environments.

A familiar motto states, Home Is Where the Heart Is, and I feel that heart represents our core-being-home for values, beliefs, character and personality. In this season of renewing and refreshing home and garden spaces, how appropriate to also commit attention to sowing and refreshing our spiritual selves, relationships, families and children with the life-giving power of God's Life and Light in Jesus Christ. We are as gardens for life emerging into full flower and fruitfulness. Spiritual attentiveness is as vital to any of us as for any plant.

Easter is that seasonal sign for the regeneration of life, redemption,

hope and power for our living into every season ahead. The Apostle Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 ESV, 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;

In the Easter event, God demonstrated Divine Desire and Power to bring resurrection out of death, redemption out of judgment, forgiveness and healing out of sins, offenses and wounds. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. (John 3:17 ESV)

Be hereby invited to renew the spiritual home of your life and garden of your living Easter Sunday April 9. Find a church to visit. (I think they'll all be open and welcome you in Love and Joy!)

Churches of Lakeview Outreach And Fellowship [LOAF] invite all to a brief worship gathering at Mosquito Lake State Park Swim Beach at 6:30 AM to praise God as the sun rises and for the Rising of His Son bringing Light and Life made new now and forever out of the darkness in this world. That is Good News!



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Bazetta Christian Church Fundraiser

Thirty-seven ladies from Bazetta Christian Church, and their friends, participated in a community outreach fundraiser "Sip and Paint" on March 12.

While everyone enjoyed food, fun and fellowship, the ladies are excited to announce that this endeavor raised

\$700.00 profit to be donated to Lakeview Schools, Cortland to be used for their student school lunch deficit.

Bazetta Christian Church wishes to thank and bless all of those that attended either in person, gave a donation, or participated in a "grab and go"!



Easter Services at Lakeview Area Churches

The Churches of the Lakeview area welcome our community to observe Easter Week Services

LOAF will have a 6:30 AM sunrise service on Easter morning at the beach.

Journey Christian Church April 7, Good Friday Service 6:00; Sun. April 9th Easter Service is at 10:00

Cortland Christian Church Sunday Service 10 AM.

Cortland Church of the Nazarene, Easter Morning Breakfast 9 am. Worship Service 10:45 am

Cortland United Methodist Church and Fowler United Methodist Church. Good Friday (combined service): at Fowler UMC @ 7:00 pm Easter Sunday Fowler @ 8:50 am, Cortland @ 10 am

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Palm Sunday Service – 9:30 am. Easter Sunday Service – 9:30 am.

Calvary Bible Church Sunday, Early Service 8:00 AM; 8:30AM – Breakfast, 9:30AM - Regular Morning Worship Service!

Mecca Community Church Sunday, 7 am Sunrise Service, 8 am – breakfast, 9 am – Sunday school, 10 am – Worship Service

Wildare United Methodist Church Easter Sunday 7:30 am Sunrise Service in the sanctuary; 9:00 am Traditional Service in the sanctuary 11:00 am Contemporary Service in the Family Life Center

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Good Friday 7 pm, Easter Vigil 7 pm, Easter Breakfast 9 am, Easter Service 10:15 am

Bazetta Christian Church Good Friday, 12 p.m., Easter Sunday, 10 a.m.

National Day of Prayer at Journey Christian Church

Rev. Matthew C. Lowe announced that Journey Christian Church will be participating in the National Day of Prayer, May 4 from 9 AM - 7 PM. The church will be open to anyone wishing to stop in between the hours of 9:00 am-7:00 pm to spend time praying. Calling it a "A Moment to Pray" Rev Lowe said "You will be able to pray at different prayer stations where you will spend time talking to God. This self-guided time will have multiple stations with different topics and items you can pray for silently. The mood will be peaceful with meditative music so you can focus as you talk to the Lord. Just as praying costs nothing, this is free as well."

Stop in at Journey Christian Church 2878 Warren Meadville Rd. Cortland, OH 44410 for "A Moment to Pray." II Chr.7:14- "And My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land." Living Life... God's Way.



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Lakeview School News

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Class of 2023 Spotlight Bulldog

This tri-weekly installment will spotlight an outstanding graduating senior at Lakeview High School. Each showcased student will be someone who represents their family, Lakeview Schools, and most importantly, our Bazetta/Cortland community with integrity, commitment, and loyalty.

This issue's Spotlight Bulldog is Caroline Roche. Caroline is the daughter of Michael and Sue Roche and has attended school with the Lakeview Local School District her entire career. Caroline takes a mixture of high school courses and courses through Youngstown State University and Eastern Gateway Community College. She is a four-year performer in our marching band and symphonic band. On top of that, Caroline is a squad and section leader. Wanting to pursue a career in veterinary sciences, Caroline plans to attend Michigan State University next fall. Caroline loves the outdoors and working with animals. She rescued a Pitbull last year and has trained him to be an awesome addition to her family. To earn some money, Caroline works at Crossgates Equestrian Center as a stable hand and as an assistant horse trainer.

Get to know Caroline better with a quick 60-second rapid-fire interview.

- 1.) What is something that you do exceptionally well? - Draw.
- 2.) What is your favorite part of the Lakeview Local School District? - CCP Privileges
- 3.) Where is your favorite place to eat in Bazetta/Cortland? - El Torero for the fajitas
- 4.) Where is your favorite place to hang out in Bazetta/Cortland? - Mosquito Lake
- 5.) You might catch me ... - Going to Dunkin' or training my Pitbull rescue dog.
- 6.) What are your future aspirations? - I would like to do wildlife research.



Final Destination at Lakeview Drama Department!

By Saige Muresan, LHS Bulldog Bulletin Reporter

The 2023 Lakeview Drama Department just ended its annual school play. This year we hit our record of the biggest club so far. This year's final play ended on a good note: to look at life from a different perspective. While leaving our audience with a good ending point, we are sad to see our best people go. Our seniors mean the world to us and have shown us that there is more to drama than just reading and learning lines. Despite having to say goodbye to our seniors, we know that they have many more things to look forward to.

When talking with Senior Olivia Menz, she had wonderful things to say about the play. Menz states, "I am happy with it! I think everyone did a really good job and even though the high schoolers didn't understand the message behind it, the adults seemed to appreciate it."

Our seniors have taught us to be the actors we are today. They have shown us skills like no other and have prepared us for upcoming shows and upcoming life events.

Throughout these 7-8 weeks, it has pushed us like no other. We work very hard to produce a good show, but some of these days are not the best. However, even with the bad days, we still find our way to make it the most enjoyable possible.

Freshman Tru Campbell reveals, "I am incredibly happy with how the play has gone so far. We've had our ups and downs not just for show days but rehearsals too, although we've managed to stay such a bonded group of people, and that by far is what made this play amazing and what will keep it amazing for performances to come."

The only reason we were able to make it so far is our very own director, Andrew Purdum. Purdum has been able to show us various skills of not only theatre but of life. He makes it a good time, which causes us to want to be there. He cares for us and shows us how to be better actors even on bad days. Some say he overworks us, but he just wants us to be even better.

Junior Saige Muresan explained, "It was not easy whatsoever. We definitely had some bad days toward the end, and that was hard, especially with the seniors leaving. Being with these same people for hours upon hours became tiring and exhausting at one point. You have to think right before show day we have run this show countless times, and it is hard to keep up with it. Even though it was hard and tiring, it does not mean we did not have a good time. I bond

with the same people over and over again during each show and it gets better and better. We are still a family at the end of the day, and these people mean the world to me. I am sad to see these seniors go, but I know they have better things ahead."

Although this experience has been amazing and we have had great

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From the Desk of the Superintendent

By Velina J. Taylor

As I write this article, we have just endured a difficult weekend with high winds, widespread damage, and long-lasting power outages. The news this morning indicated there were still 7,000 households in the county without power, and the electric company estimated all power would be restored within the next 48 hours. Tough times, and a great reminder of a utility we often take for granted. Thanks go out to all the workers who labored countless hours to restore power as quickly as possible.

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Baseball Season Has Arrived!

By Saige Muresan, LHS Bulldog Bulletin Reporter



can not wait to see what this team holds this season."

Junior Nolan Toth says, "I am excited for this upcoming season because there are so many good athletes on this team and we all work together and work hard and have shown how much potential we have. I am excited to see how this season goes."

The Seniors are especially excited for this upcoming season since it is their last season as a Lakeview Baseball Player.

Senior Tyler Capan says, "This season is gonna be the best one yet, our team has so many good athletes on it and we have shown how much potential we have as a team every time we practice. Everyone wants to be there and has shown it countless times and I am glad that I am gonna spend my last season with all these boys and this team."

Senior Andrew McRoberts says, "This last season is gonna be the best one we have had because the whole team has given it their all at practice and you can tell that everyone wants to be there and wants to be the best. Coach Carson has helped all of us improve during the off season and hopefully it will all show when it comes for our first game. I am so excited to be ending my High School baseball career with the team I have and I am excited to see where the season goes."

Senior Luke Canzontetta says, "I decided that my senior year I was gonna play baseball again, and it was one of the best decisions I have ever made. I love the team that we have created and I love how all of our love for the sport shows when we are practicing, and eventually when we get on the field. This season is gonna be good and I can't wait to start the season out strong."

The baseball team has been putting in a lot of time and hard work to prepare for this upcoming season. Good Luck on your season, boys!

The 2023 Baseball Season has arrived and the players have been working hard during their offseason so they can be the best they can.

Coach Cameron Carson says, "I am really proud of how hard these boys have been working during this off season. We have pushed the boys really hard so they can show us the best of their abilities and get in the best shape they possibly can for this season. We have a lot of great athletes this year and I am feeling very confident in these boys and our team and they have shown me over and over again that they all want to be here and love the sport and their teammates. I am really looking forward to this season and seeing all of the boys hard work pay off."

The team has been showing up after school 4 times a week to start conditioning for baseball and they all can not wait for the season to start.

Sophomore Jason DeMonica says, "I always look forward to baseball season because I love my team and coaches and love the sport itself. Conditioning gets me prepared for the upcoming season and keeps me in shape, and this year especially has been better than any other year so far and I



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LHS Softball Plans to Out Play, Out Work, Outlast!

By Izzy Haines, Reporter LHS Bulldog Bulletin

As the spring season is approaching the Lakeview Softball team is ready to begin their season. These athletes are hoping for a fun and exciting season. The team this year consists of 16 players for both JV and Varsity teams. The team includes 3 seniors, Maggie Pavlansky, Ella Chadwick, and Gianna Caruso.

There are 3 freshmen this year that are thrilled to get varsity minutes on the field. I asked Freshman Mackenzie Stowe if she was excited for her first season of high school softball. She states, "I would say that I am excited for my first year of High school softball. I'm glad I get to play with school friends and just have fun while challenging myself to get better for upcoming seasons. It also helps that I play travel softball which helps my nerves a little too."

Stowe is the team's catcher with a very fun and energetic personality. She loves to have fun but also can be very serious. Stowe isn't the only Freshman excited to play with the big dogs. I also asked Freshman Kalyssa Werner if she was excited to play her first year of high school softball. She excitedly says, "Yes, I'm so excited for this season! I can't wait to play with my team and to play with teammates I have never played with before!!"

Werner is the team's infielder who is a very speedy addition to the team. The Bulldogs have a very competitive and Athletic group of girls playing this year. More than half of the team plays travel softball which helps improve the team's talent and they are ready for a good season.

Senior Ella Chadwick goes on to say that, "I'm so excited for this season. I'm hoping this season will be one to remember. I'm going to miss this team next year! I have made so many memories playing softball and I'll cherish them forever."

Chadwick is going into this season strong being the team's Senior pitcher. This is Chadwick's last year ever playing with the Lakeview Bulldogs softball team.

The girls season began March 27th playing against Struthers High School. The Lady Bulldogs are staying positive this year preparing themselves for the season.

I asked Senior Maggie Pavlansky how she has been preparing herself for this season and what is your main goal this year. She stated, "To prepare for this season I have been getting a lot of reps in practice to get ready for the season. My main goal is to win as many games as we can and have a chance to win the conference."

I also asked Junior Olivia Easton what she is doing to prepare for the season and she replies, "I've been focusing really hard on my pitching to make my Junior season a successful one. I am so excited to play with my teammates this year and hope that we make it far in the season."

Easton is the team's Junior pitcher and has a positive and bubbly attitude which helps bring the team up while playing. She is very encouraging and builds her teammates' confidence.

The team's positive attitude and their desire to win can take the Lakeview Girls softball team far in the conference. Hopefully this year the team will be able to face tougher teams outside of the NE8 and hopefully make it far when it comes to tournaments. But for now, they must focus on the conference. Good luck to the Lady Bulldogs softball team this season!

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Foster Season has Sprung! (Part 2)

By Pawsitivity

Hi there, it's Pawsitivity! Last issue, I covered the importance of animal fostering. Now I'll share a personal story about fostering and some information about getting involved.

My Foster Experience. When I started fostering, I had no idea what was in store. I was just thinking - I want more kittens in my life. I chose to foster through Animal Welfare League (AWL) and started by filling out a foster application. It had me list my current pets and what type of fosters I wanted: nursing mom with litter, weanlings (4-6 weeks old), and weaned (6 weeks until 2 pounds). Check, check, and check - bring on the kittens!

A week later, AWL called. I was getting 3 weaned kittens! I got busy cleaning the room where I planned to house them. I felt like I was getting ready to welcome a baby! They were so cute - I played with and cuddled them constantly. They grew up in no time and went back to AWL. They found their fur-ever homes within days!

I fostered 12 kittens last year and loved every one of them and always got attached. What comforts me is that

I adopted one of my sweetest cats from New Lease on Life after he was fostered by someone. This reassures me that every foster kitten will get a loving home like mine.

When people find out I foster, they always tell me, "I could never do that." I used to think that. It's very difficult to part with an animal you have cared for and loved. But it's also rewarding and worthwhile.

Fostering is the most fulfilling part of my life and I wouldn't give it up for anything.

How can YOU Foster? Contact a shelter/rescue to ask about their foster process. You can also check their website to find more information about their foster program.

Here are my recommendations for organizations to foster with:

1. Empathy for Animals (Cortland)
2. Animal Welfare League (Vienna)
3. New Lease on Life (Struthers)
4. West Side Cats (Youngstown)

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Next time I'll share some info about animal transport. Send your comments or questions to my email: Hello.Pawsitivity@gmail.com. Until then, be paw-sitive, Cortland & Bazetta!



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What Will You Do with Your Tax Refund?

The average refund in 2022 (for the 2021 tax year) was \$3,176 for individual income taxpayers, according to the IRS. If you expect to receive a refund in 2023 after filing your 2022 tax return, will you save or spend it? While you may be tempted to indulge, consider using the money to solidify your long-term financial position.

No matter your stage in life or the size of your refund, there are ways you can use it to help reach your current and future financial goals. Here are a few:

For people starting out in their careers:

- **Add to your emergency fund.**

Consider saving enough to have the equivalent of at least three-to-six months' worth of income in an emergency fund. This could come in handy if you experience a sudden interruption to your income or a major unexpected expense.

- **Pay off student loans.** If you are carrying college debt or other loans, applying your refund to the balance can help reduce the total interest you pay or eliminate the debt entirely. Once you pay off your loans, allocate the amount you spent each month on student loans to another financial goal to keep building your financial foundation.

- **Invest in an IRA.** Think about starting a habit of investing your tax refund each year into an IRA, where any earnings can accumulate on a tax-deferred basis. While you are limited to contributing \$6,500 annually (\$7,500 for those age 50 and older), the savings can add up. For example, investing a \$3,000 refund each year from age 26 to 65 earning seven percent annually would build to more than \$640,000.

For those starting families:

- **Save for a down payment on a home.** A tax refund can make a meaningful impact as you accumulate enough to purchase your first home. Consider saving enough to cover at least 20 percent of the home's value. Doing so will eliminate the need for private mortgage insurance, which will cost you extra in interest payments.

- **Start or add to a college fund for your children.** With the cost of higher education continuing to rise, starting early and saving often can help you make funding tuition a reality. Certain options may provide tax advantages, so work with your financial and tax professionals to find the best strategy for you.

- **Invest your refund.** Consider adding your refund to your portfolio, using it to accelerate progress toward your long-term goals. Your refund could be used to purchase stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or other investments that are aligned with your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

- **Create or update your legacy plan.** Developing a will, trust, or other estate documents is important so that your wishes are clear in the event of your death. If you need to create or update legal matters, use your refund as a reason to take the next step.

For those who have a solid financial

foundation:

- **Apply to home improvements.**

If you are planning to remodel your home, you may want to use the money to fund specific upgrades, or to keep as a contingency fund throughout the project.

- **Save for starting a new business.**

If you want to start your own business now or in retirement, the refund can provide a cash buffer to help you get started. It can either replace some of your regular income or be used to fund expenditures required to get the business up-and-running.

For those approaching retirement:

- **Increase your retirement savings.** As your retirement date and goals get clearer, maximizing your retirement savings should take priority. Your refund can help you make an additional investment towards your financial future. If you are 50 or older and have earned income, current tax laws allow you to invest extra dollars in your IRA and workplace retirement plan. Work with your tax professional to learn about the opportunities and limitations that apply to your situation.

- **Pay down your mortgage.**

Consider using your refund to make an additional principal payment to your home mortgage. Erasing debt prior to retirement can minimize a major financial burden.

For retirees:

- **Spend it on your retirement dream.** If you plan to travel or pursue a hobby in retirement, use the refund as a trigger to make it happen. Allow yourself to spend the money without guilt - after all, you've earned and planned for this opportunity.

- **Invest in a Roth IRA.** If you have any earned income that allows you to make retirement contributions, your tax refund can likely be placed into a Roth IRA. This vehicle provides potential tax-free growth of any earnings.

- **Pay health care expenses.**

Today's rising health care costs are often one of the biggest expenses for retirees. Consider applying the funds to Medicare or long-term care policy premiums. If your health care expenses are manageable, save the refund to pay for future expenses.

Review your tax withholding

If you regularly receive a large tax refund, you may want to adjust the withholding on your paycheck. Decreasing your refund may increase your monthly net pay, allowing you to allocate extra income each month to your financial goals. This strategy isn't right for everyone. Consult with your tax professional and financial advisor before making adjustments or deciding how to manage your refund.

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skilled nursing stays, outpatient surgery or ambulance services. The costs of these plans are based on age and health. They are generally available for an affordable monthly fee.

There are many other types of policies to supplement medical insurance policies and help defray costs of life events. Some policies can be geared toward specific conditions like cancer, heart attack or stroke. While others can be for specific services such as short-term home health care. You can also pick up a supplemental dental or vision policy to cover gaps in coverage or to provide coverage if you do not have a policy. If you are interested in any of these options, consult your local insurance agent. They can help you figure out what works best for your individual situation.

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Cortland Lions Club Street Fair Updates

Our Cortland Lions Club Street Fair Committee met recently and are pleased to provide the following updates-

We are excited to announce that we have secured a new ride company- Powell Amusements from Hermitage, PA. Powell Amusements will provide some clean safe rides for this years Street Fair. Advance ride tickets will be on sale soon and additional information will be provided in the next edition of the Cortland News on April 28th.

Dawna Wiland, a Lions Club member, is Chairwoman of the Little Miss Cortland and Miss Cortland Pageant held annually at our Cortland Lions Street Fair. Candidates must be a resident and live within the Cortland mailing address-44410. Little Miss Cortland candidates must be between the ages of 7 to 11 years old and Miss Cortland candidates must be a Sophomore, Junior or Senior at area high schools- such as Lakeview, Maplewood or Mathews. Please contact Dawna Wiland for an application or further details. Dawna can be reached at 330-219-9852 or via email at drwiland@aol.com.

Main Stage Entertainment this year will be- Thursday Night-Michael Smith, Friday Night-Broken Reins and Saturday Night-Scott Gearheart Band. In the Beer Tent on Thursday Night- Kat Fitzgerald, Friday Night to be announced and Saturday Night-Cortland's own- Speed limit.

Check upcoming issues of the Cortland News for updates.

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Top Dog 2023: Justin Emrick

By Erica Giesey, LHS Bulldog Bulletin Reporter

Senior Justin Emrick is about to take on new steps in his life. With graduation quickly approaching, Emrick is feeling nervous, but he will never forget the memories made and time spent at Lakeview High School.

Emrick says, "I loved going on the football field with my sister Lizzie when she was a cheerleader."

Growing up Emrick had a close bond with his sister Lizzie Emrick who is a former student. He enjoyed having his sister in the same building as him. When she graduated, he was sad to see her go.



Emrick says, "9th and 10th were my favorite years of high school because my sister was at school with me." During Emrick's time in high school, he accomplished many things. He was very proud of being on the honor roll. His hard work and dedication always paid off. Emrick was also part of the choir.

One of the most important things he learned during his time at Lakeview was to be kind to everyone. Even though he has accomplished many things, it has not always been easy. Emrick struggles with Autism which makes it extra difficult to learn, especially in the school setting. Mrs. Shuster has had such a great impact on Emrick's life. Not only has she helped him in school, but she has also taught him many life lessons.

Emrick says, "Listen to your teachers. They will lead you in the correct way. Teachers are amazing." Emrick says the thing that makes him proud to be a Bulldog "was being able to make it through with amazing teachers."

Emrick doesn't know what the next steps in life are going to look like, but he knows he will be staying local. Lakeview is very proud of Justin! He is a very inspiring person and has shown everyone that no matter what the obstacle, you can always overcome it!

Good luck with the next steps in your life!





Hotel for Bees

By Heather Sensabaugh

Mason bees are native to Ohio and have declined in numbers due to habitat loss. A free, fun way to help them bounce back is to make a "bee hotel" with your family. It only takes a few items that you would traditionally throw away to make a difference in the local pollinator population!

Mason bees look a lot like honeybees, however, they do not have hives or make honey. Mama mason bees lay an egg in a crevice or hole they find in trees, or hollow reeds, and fill in the hole with mud. Habitat loss from deforestation and development along with other causes have led to their current decline. They nest in early spring, so now is the perfect time to make a bee "hotel" for them!

You'll need a clean aluminum

can with the top removed. Put a good amount of glue in the bottom. Take two cardboard tubes from toilet paper rolls or a paper towel roll cut in half, and stick them to the glue. Take scrap paper and roll it around a pencil at least 5 times to make a paper tube, and tape it on the long end and remove from pencil, placing in and around the cardboard tubes, sticking them to the glue as well. Then, find a sunny spot out of heavy traffic, 3 feet from the ground, and fasten the bee hotel horizontally so that it won't blow in the wind or roll around. That's it! You'll know if the bees like it because you'll see paper tubes sealed off with mud. Next Spring, the babies will be full grown and will emerge to help pollinate fruits, vegetables and flowers!

Master Gardener Volunteers Wednesdays In the Classroom 2023

Join the Trumbull County Master Gardener Volunteers as they discuss a variety of gardening topics on Wednesday evenings through May at 6 PM. Training will be at The Trumbull County Agriculture and Family Education Center, 520 W. Main St. Cortland.

The topics are: April 19 Vegetable Gardening and May 10 Fertilizers 101. For more information: Noelle Barnes barnes.1127@osu.edu or 330-638-6783

LHS Drama Department

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performances, we got cut short. March 25, we had a power outage throughout the state. While we members were at the school getting ready, and almost done, the power went out. Our backup generators kicked in; however, it was not enough for our stage lights and the whole auditorium. Half an hour before the show, we canceled and told everyone to go home, and with that, we rescheduled for Friday, March 31.

Spring Into Wellness Community Health Fair

Experts from across Trumbull County are coming together to host a Free Community Health and Wellness Fair on Saturday, April 15th. at the Eastwood Mall from 10 A.M. until 2 P.M. The Health Fair is free, open to the public and will provide free health screenings including, but not limited to: blood pressure, blood oxygen level, Body Mass Index (BMI), a stroke assessment, fall risk assessment, and more.

"Helping Trumbull County residents achieve optimal health and well-being is a top priority of the Trumbull County Combined Health District (TCCHD). This is why the TCCHD is pleased and excited to partner with several of our community health organizations to provide a number of great resources to the residents of Trumbull County through the Spring into Wellness Event at the Eastwood Mall," commented Frank Migliozi, TC Health Commissioner. "The health fair will offer a number of free health screenings, fitness and wellness education, and other services to help you learn more about your physical health. Please come join us."

The health fair is a great opportunity to learn about local organizations and experts in and around Trumbull County. We hope to see you there. Visit LiveWellTrumbull.com to check out all the resources available to help on the journey to wellness.

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Tails of Hope Fundraiser

Tails of Hope is a nonprofit Spay/Neuter Clinic located in nearby Sharon. They are holding a fundraiser to help cover operating costs. The "Breakfast at Kitten's" event will be held Saturday, April 22, 2023, at 11:00 AM at The Corinthian Event Center, Sharon, PA.

The event includes a Breakfast Buffet, 9 Bingo games for designer purse prizes, entry into two Door Prize Raffles with designer prizes, access to a Not-Too-Shabby Tabby" Boutique, Basket Raffles, a 50/50 Raffle and, of course, an opportunity to meet kittens from Judge's Park Small Animal Rescue.

Tickets are \$40 individual or \$300 for a table of 8 and are available online at: tailsofhopewpa.org. There is limited Seating Available.

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By Carole Wiley

He died for you
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Holy week, with all its events,
 Is a very emotional time.
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 And we weep over this heinous crime.

We feel such anger and sadness
 On Good Friday every year.
 A sense of anxiety comes over us;
 Sometimes it's very hard to bear.

Then we see Jesus hanging on that cross;
 So clear the vision becomes.
 We hear Him ask God to forgive these people,
 And then it's not long till He succumbs.

But then He arises from His grave!
 A gift for all mankind!
 An invitation to join Him!
 This, now, is in our mind!

Oh, the joy of Easter morning!
 Strikes a very beautiful chord!
 After a week of such great sadness,
 It's the Resurrection of our Lord!

There is no greater gift
 As we struggle through our daily strife,
 Than to be assured that there is no end,
 As we have His promise of Eternal Life!

Our sins are forgiven! Oh my!
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Teen Volunteer Scholarships

GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League had the great pleasure of presenting the 53rd Annual Teen Volunteer Awards. Teen Volunteer Chairman and WJWL Treasurer, Becky Bucco, and WJWL President, Sue Smith, announced and awarded the scholarship winners.

Top teen volunteer and a \$500 scholarship award went to Payton Fleischer, Maplewood High School, \$300 scholarship award and second-place winner went to Izzi Petrilla, Lakeview High School. Third place and a \$200 scholarship award won by Kylie Schwartz, Lakeview High School.



Becky Bucco, Teen Volunteer Chairwoman, Izzi Petrilla, Payton Fleischer, Kylie Schwartz and Sue Smith, WJWL President.



Happy Easter

The Healthy Hearts and Paws Project

The Healthy Hearts and Paws Project is located in Brookfield, OH. Since 2019 the volunteers have dedicated themselves to helping positive heartworm dogs and medical needs dogs and cats. The organization provides care to strays, abandoned, sick, and in need animals through donations and grants. They share the importance of heartworm preventative, spay and neuter, and microchipping animals.

HHPP promotes animal welfare, provides care, temporary placement, and adoption for dogs and cats. They hope to find forever, loving homes for dogs and cats in need.



Kent State Trumbull's Stem Conference

More than 200 area high school sophomore and junior students attended Kent State University at Trumbull's STEM Trumbull County (STEM TC) conference on Friday, March 17, where they met and heard from women in science, technology, engineering and math careers, while learning about education programs that support those paths.

According to Dr. Valerie Cubon-Bell, Kent State Trumbull's STEM TC director and professor of chemistry, more than 30 speakers volunteered for this year's all-day conference.

"The conference is a long-standing tradition that offers high school students in Trumbull and surrounding counties the opportunity to explore exciting career pathways in STEM fields while also interacting with local, successful women in high-impact STEM professions," Cubon-Bell said.

Keynote speaker Dr. Peggy Shaddock, vice president for Regional Campuses and dean of the College of Applied and Technical Studies, began the event by sharing her experiences in STEM fields before exploring public administration to complement her science background, leading to administrative roles in higher education.

Ilenys Marcano, an East High School junior, enjoyed the conference, especially a workshop on neuroscience.

"Listening to Dr. (Clare) Mathes talk about all the aspects of neuroscience, examining the brain, and how it works was so interesting," Marcano said.

A panel of current students pursuing STEM undergraduate and post-undergraduate degrees shared their experiences and motivation for the future. Bristol and TCTC graduate Jasmine Hickey participated on the student panel and gave closing remarks. She shared her experiences as a Bachelor of Science in Nursing student at Kent State Trumbull before graduating in 2020. She now works at Akron Children's Mahoning Valley hospital as a registered nurse and continues her education at Walsh University, pursuing a Master of Occupational Therapy degree.

"I attended this event and sat in the same seats back in 2016," Hickey said. "I had some experiences that led me to where I am today, but this event really opened up some pathways for me and helped me understand the many opportunities in STEM."

"We hope the conference is enlightening, entertaining and inspiring," Cubon-Bell said. "We expect every one of these students to take advantage of the opportunities around them and follow their dreams as they consider future careers in STEM."

Superintendent

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helping neighbors to clear trees and debris, to make repairs, and to share available power. Our Cortland/Bazetta community displayed countless examples of unity in the face of trouble. Isn't that something we also take for granted? This small community can be counted on to unite and work shoulder-to-shoulder to overcome problems—big ones and small ones. When the chips are down, we can trust that those around us will rally to our aid.

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World War II Program at Bristol Public Library

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Mr. Illes, a local resident and re-

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My "Fat" Easter Outfit

By Cait Morgan

In my never-ending quest outdo myself with bizarre situations, let me tell you about Easter, 2013. The Curmudgeon and I were ushering at church that Sunday, so around 9:30 AM I put on a light blue silk suit I had been saving for Easter Sunday. I wanted to look spiffy. Or at least presentable. It didn't fit. It was too big. I was terribly out of shape and had put on a lot of weight since my knee opted out of functionality so anything that was too big was a treat, but (or should I say "butt"?) from then on in, everything was too tight.

Clothes were flying around two different rooms and nothing fit. I must have screamed three times that I didn't care what day it was I was not going ANYWHERE "looking like this"!

Finally in desperation I pulled out a suit from my really fat days. Yup, it fit. But not with the blouse I had on, so soon clothes flying around the room again. Ok, fixed that and then went in search of shoes that didn't look dumpy. Got it done and out the door, only 5 minutes late.

Halfway down the freeway I looked down and there was a run starting at my knee and working its way quickly down my leg. Time for emergency stop at CVS. I waddled in and grabbed a pair of pantyhose. Attempted to change in the front seat of the Jeep.

Epic fail!

Suddenly I realized that, in my

haste, I had grabbed support hose. Cramming all my flab into support hose was not easy. I asked The Curmudgeon to pull around the back of the building, which he did. Sorta. He went a tad too far and I was stuck getting out near the back door of the place. Used the Jeep's door to block the "street view" and I struggled to get those things on. They were bound and determined not to go. It was a war, I tell you!! A war!!!

Finally, I got them close enough to my waist that I could get back into the Jeep. As I turned to hop onto the seat, I glanced up and found that we were right under the security camera. Great! You've all heard of People of Walmart? I immediately qualified for Walruses of CVS. Dear gawd. So now I was furious, humiliated and in tears, but even though The Curmudgeon offered to take me home, we went on to church. As he dropped me off at the door, I discovered that part of my problem was that the darned things were half-twisted making it nearly impossible to put my right leg forward. I hobbled to the restroom, got both legs facing the same direction and we got thru the service and went home.

I can't recall whether we went out to dinner or if I went straight to bed and stayed there, but I am fairly certain that drinking was involved.

And Easter chocolate.

Masonic Lodge Plans A Public Open House

The Cortland Masonic Lodge will open its doors for a public open house on Saturday, April 22 from 10 am to 2 pm. The Lodge is located at 3263 Everett-Hull Rd. which is also East Main St. in Cortland.

Anyone who would like to know more about the Freemasons are invited to come that day and learn about the world's oldest and largest men's fraternity. Members and their families and friends are also invited.

Tim Bauer, currently the Master of the Cortland Lodge, indicated that the program is free, and no formal commitment is expected -- "just come out for some fellowship, information, a lodge tour, and the opportunity to ask questions about the Masonic fraternity and our local Cortland Lodge".



Trumbull Town Hall Lecture Series Hosts Jean Kilbourne

The Trumbull Town Hall 45th Annual Celebrity Series continues with world renowned Jean Kilbourne speaking on the image of women in advertising. The program is Wednesday, April 19 at Packard Music Hall. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and the programs start at 10:30. Tickets at the door \$35. Light refreshments sold pre-program.

Jean Kilbourne is internationally recognized for her groundbreaking work on the image of women in advertising and for her critical studies of alcohol and tobacco advertising. In the late 1960's she began her exploration of the connection between advertising and several public health issues, including violence against women, eating disorders, and addiction, and launched a movement to promote media literacy as a way to prevent these problems. A radical and original idea at the time, this approach is now mainstream and an integral part of most prevention programs.

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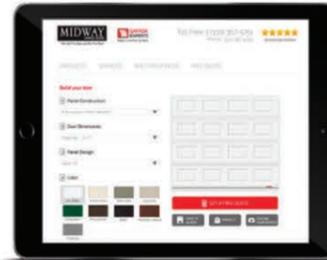
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